

Classic Poetry Series

**Dhani Ram Chatrik**  
**- poems -**

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# Dhani Ram Chatrik(4 October 1876 – 18 December 1954)

Dhani Ram Chatrik is considered the founder of modern Punjabi poetry.

He worked all his life to lift the status of the Punjabi language. He was the founding president of Punjabi Sabha, a Punjabi Literary Society.

He was the first person to standardize the typeset for Gurmukhi script, publish Guru Granth Sahib and Bhai Kahn Singh's Mahan Kosh, the first Punjabi dictionary by using modern technique at his Sudarshan Printing Press.

He was a highly creative writer. He used his composing skills to experiment with different genres of Punjabi. He used simple and fresh vocabulary. His use of metaphor, tone, and style were easy to understand by the masses. It was more a descriptive or Qissa style is evident from the following lines depicting peasantry written in narrative style:

Toorhi tand saamb haarhi vech watt ke  
Lambrahan `te shaahaan da hisaab katt ke  
Kachhe maar vanjhli anand chhaa gya  
Maarda damaame jatt mele aa gya

His creations Himala, Ganga, Rat are well known. Another one of his poems, Kora Qadir, where we hear his passionate cry against the divisions of humanity through diversity of creed is as follows:

Let us bury caste and creed,  
Let us erase this sorrow indeed,  
You a Sayyid, I a Brahmin,  
Let us finish this foolish din.  
We have to bear each other, say  
We are not here for eternal stay,  
Let there be laughter in our meeting,  
Let our hearts be one this evening

He has been called "Punjab's greatest lyricist and poet". In 1988, Surinder Singh Narula published a book in his honour called "Dhani Ram Chatrik, Publisher: Sahitya-Akademi". Punjabi University Patyala honoured Chatrik by dedicating their annual diary to him.

# Ardas

Dhani Ram Chatrik

# Benti

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# Dooja Bhag (Dharmik Bhav) Chanan Ji!

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# Hauka

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# Ik Devi Di Yaad

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# Javanam! Himta Zara Vikha

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# Kora Kadar

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# Mele Wich Jatt

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# Pehla Bhag (Prarthana) Mangla-Charan

Dhani Ram Chatrik

# Pita Valon Putar Nu Soochna

Dhani Ram Chatrik

# Prarthana

Dhani Ram Chatrik

# Pritam Ji!

Dhani Ram Chatrik

# Punjab

Dhani Ram Chatrik

# Sita Sandesh

Dhani Ram Chatrik



# Tarla

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